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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, JUNE 29.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 81; Min. 74. Weather, cloudy.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1906.

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## WANT THREE ENGINEERS TO INSPECT DAM

**The Merchants' Association Promises the Governor to Accept Their Report—Too Much Corporation Publicity Opposed.**

Members of the Merchants' Association had an opportunity to express themselves freely on the Nuuanu dam question at their special meeting yesterday afternoon, an opportunity which everyone of those present took advantage of. The executive committee had already been in correspondence with Governor Carter in the matter, the correspondence having already been published with the exception of the last letter, which was:

Executive Chamber,  
Honolulu, Hawaii, June 22, 1906.  
E. H. Paris, Esq., Secretary, Merchants' Association, Honolulu.

Dear Sir: While it is very satisfactory to know that your organization is pleased to note that the Government has secured the services of Mr. Kellogg to inspect the Nuuanu dam, yet this falls entirely to respond to my request for its opinion (and of course it cannot speak for any other than itself) as to the confidence, or otherwise, of the Merchants' Association in any report Mr. Kellogg may see fit to make.

I have already advised you by telephone that I have no objection to the correspondence being made public.

Kindly present this letter to your organization and inform me as to what they think of Mr. Kellogg's ability to pass on the questions involved in this controversy; for it is useless to proceed with Mr. Kellogg if any large portion of the community think he is incompetent.

Very sincerely yours,  
G. R. CARTER,  
Governor.

It was to deal with this letter that the meeting had been called, explained George W. Smith, the chairman. It was legitimate for the Association to take up the subject when it did, but the directors had not felt themselves justified in dealing with this last request of the Governor and had therefore called the general meeting. The question for decision was not as to the qualifications of Mr. Kellogg, but whether two engineers would not be better than one, or three engineers better than either one or two.

Mr. Catton was not in favor of offering any advice to the Governor whatever.

Colonel Soper did not agree with this. The safety of the Nuuanu dam was a matter affecting the whole community and he thought that a searching and thorough investigation of the whole construction should be made.

Similar remarks were made by W. W. Harris, who thought the Association should make a definite suggestion. He favored having three engineers on the investigation committee. The government had spent \$80,000 already on the work and if this had been expended on improper construction it ought to be found out and definitely determined.

G. J. Waller wanted a thorough report from three competent men.

R. Reidford said that there was too much at stake to hesitate about having a competent commission investigate. He believed Mr. Kellogg to be a competent man, but everyone here may not know him and the question was to satisfy the people.

E. A. McInerney thought that there should be no good reason for going away from Honolulu to secure engineers competent to investigate the dam. The Engineering Association might be asked to name two of their members to act with Mr. Kellogg. He suggested that the Governor be advised along those lines. The presence of a reservoir under suspicion would keep tourists away from here, and the loss of property and lives if the dam should break would be heavy.

Other remarks of a like tenor were heard, the chairman remarking on the stillness of the tomb which came from the direction of the Engineers' Association in the matter.

The following motion was then made by Mr. Reidford, seconded by Colonel Soper and passed:

That the Merchants' Association send to Governor Carter that he present selection two more engineers, and that all three inspect and report on the

construction of the Nuuanu dam from the drawing of the specifications down to the present time, and that the report of such committee would be satisfactory to this Association.

There was some discussion regarding the pre-approval of the report, Colonel Soper remarking that if the Governor appointed local engineers known to be partisans of the Department of Public Works the report would not be considered satisfactory.

### DELEGATE URGED HASTE.

A cablegram from Delegate Kalanianoʻe was read, asking why no answer had been received respecting the invitation to go from Hawaii to Chairman Burton. "Adjournment Friday," ended the message, showing the necessity for haste. The Secretary explained that this matter was in the hands of a joint committee of the Association, Chamber of Commerce and Planters' Association, who had power to act.

### AGREEABLE TO SECRET REPORTS.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the corporation exhibit test case was reported. Mr. Smith reported that a new suit had been instituted under a writ of mandamus, which would come up next month. This suit had been begun under the ruling of the court that the individual members of a corporation could not be prosecuted for failure to file annual reports. Under the writ of mandamus, contempt of court proceedings would follow the disobedience of the writ.

The members of the Association do not object to making an annual report of their affairs, but they do not want these to be accessible to any inquisitive person nor made in the particular way that the Treasurer who happened to be in office wanted. If these returns were on regular forms and used as they are in England, for the information of the government only, there would be no objection to them. An effort to have the law amended to include these things would be made at the next session.

### SYMPATHY FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The following resolution of sympathy for the merchants of San Francisco was passed. It was explained that there was nothing to bind the Honolulu merchants to buy from the Coast houses as soon as these were opened, as the merchants here bought in the lowest market, but it would show the San Franciscans that their trade here was not lost because of their calamity. San Francisco had always helped Honolulu and the resolution would encourage them and be a return. The resolution read:

Whereas, The merchants of San Francisco having lost by earthquake and fire their stocks of merchandise, buildings, books of accounts and other appurtenances of their business, and Whereas, The business relations of the merchants of Honolulu and of the merchants of San Francisco, have, for many years past, been of a most intimate nature, therefore;

Resolved, That the members of the Merchants' Association pledge themselves to assist in the restoration of the former trade relations, as soon as the merchants of San Francisco are again in a position to supply goods.

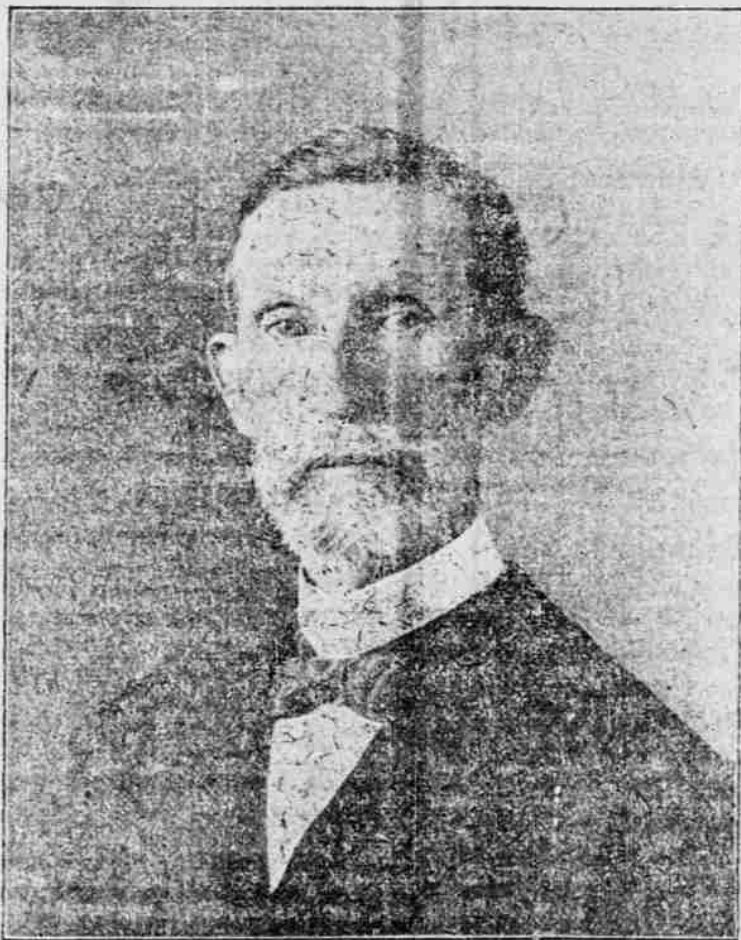
Resolved, That the Secretary is instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Merchants' Association of San Francisco.

An invitation to the American Veterinarians to hold their 1907 convention in Honolulu, which will be conveyed to the convention this year by Dr. Monarrat, was passed.

### HAWAIIANS IN CUBA.

John Maguire, formerly a hackman here, is getting \$250 per month as stockman and care-taker of the big Spreckels' ranch near Manzanillo, Cuba. Mr. Boote, formerly manager of the Hawaiian Commercial, is also near Manzanillo, where he is managing a large plantation for Philadelphia people. Walter E. Shaw of Honolulu has just returned from Cuba, which he describes as a magnificent country. He was there five months.

## STATUE OF WYLLIE FOR STATUARY HALL



DR. W. D. ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## Lydecker's Tribute to Minister of Foreign Affairs—Cleopatra's Barge and Chilean Pirate.

Three interesting historical papers held contrast to those of some of his adversaries. I have yet to see one in which he sways one iota from the dignified statesman and high-minded gentleman, a remark I am sorry to say will not apply to some of his opponents.

Robert C. Lydecker, Librarian of Public Archives, read a fine paper on "The Archives of Hawaii," relating many incidents which have been brought to light in his search through the public documents which have not been made public before. Mr. Lydecker also paid a fine tribute to Robert C. Wyllie, Minister of Foreign Affairs under Kamehameha III. He says of him: "His many papers show him to have been a man of most methodical habits, one of which was the careful filing away of any paper that might be of the slightest value or interest. I cannot let the occasion pass without paying a slight tribute to this man's memory. Other than his state papers there are hundreds of memoranda jotted down by him from time to time that give an insight into the passing events, and of the men of his day, of the latter of which he appears to have been a keen judge.

"No one can handle his papers without being apprised of the strong personality of the man; they bear the stamp of the thorough gentleman of the old school. No matter how bitter the controversy, and he was engaged in many a trying one, he was ever a model of dignified courtesy, and in this respect his state papers stand out in



bold contrast to those of some of his adversaries. I have yet to see one in which he sways one iota from the dignified statesman and high-minded gentleman, a remark I am sorry to say will not apply to some of his opponents.

"The services he rendered the country of his adoption are too little known by the present generation, and when in the future, the State of Hawaii, however distant that event may be, is entitled to place her two statues in the Hall of Fame at Washington, in my humble opinion, beside that of Kamehameha I, the Napoleon of the Pacific, should stand one of Robert C. Lydecker Wyllie, the statesman whose guiding hand on the helm of the newly-launched Ship of State pointed her on a course leading to our present prosperity."

Mr. Lydecker said that the oldest document thus far discovered bears date of March 22, 1790, and is a letter from Captain Simon Metcalf of the "Eleonora," at anchor off "Awahye" (Hawaii) addressed to S. I. Thomas, J. Pedler, Jos. Mackey and John Young. The Captain complains of his boatswain being detained on shore and states that if he is not returned to the ship, "I am possessed of sufficient power to take ample revenge which it is your duty to make the Head Chief acquainted with."

Next in point of age is a copy of a letter left with the Chiefs of "Owhyhee" by George Vancouver, dated March 9, 1793. Though this is a copy, Mr. Lydecker says it is undoubtedly written at the same time as the original (which he understands is in the possession of a lady of this city) for it is on similar paper, and in the same handwriting, probably that of his secretary, as an autograph letter of Vancouver's signed March 2, 1794. As these letters are of general recommendation of the different chiefs he has come in contact with, and acknowledgments of the hospitable treatment he has received, copies were doubtless made to enable the chiefs to show to captains of visiting vessels at the different ports. In his last letter he also says: "On the 25th of February, in a Grand Council of the principal chiefs of this Island, assembled on board His Britannic Majesty's vessel under my command, Tamahua Manu made the most solemn cession possible of the Island of Owhyhee to his Britannic Majesty."

The Archivist says that "we have the retained copy of Kamehameha's letter to George III, announcing his sovereignty of the Sandwich Islands. While the letter conveys the implied cession of the entire group, the so-called 'Cession' at the time of Vancouver's last visit being that of the Island of Hawaii only, it is more in the phraseology than in the intent. A perusal of the letter clearly shows that the King's amanuensis was not a person of education."

A letter from the Earl of Liverpool dated April 30, 1812, acknowledges receipt of one from the King dated March 3, 1810, together with a feather cloak. With this letter came two chests containing "pressed" down with "A Colored Cocked Hat and Feathers, and a new red coat and uniform," and the other containing an "assortment of various-sized hats, some bands, six

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## SUNDRY BILL APPROPRIATES A HUGE SUM

**Congress Rushing Legislation for an Early Adjournment—President Signs Some Important Enactments.**

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The Sundry Civil bill has passed, carrying an appropriation of ninety-eight million dollars.

### THREE IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—President Roosevelt has signed the Railroad Rate bill, the Naturalization bill and the Canal bill.

## GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FOR MEAT INSPECTION

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The Meat Inspection bill has passed. The cost of inspection is to be borne by the government.

After the disclosures regarding the sanitary conditions of the big packing houses there remained little doubt that some legislative action would be taken to remedy the disclosed state of affairs. The bill at first brought in provided for the rigorous inspection of all meats on the hoof and after killing and provided for government inspection of the products of the packers throughout the various processes the meat went through up to the actual canning. The inspectors were to be appointed by the government but paid by the packers and it was over this point that the big fight was made, the packers eventually winning out.

### A STRENUOUS SESSION ENDED.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Congress will probably adjourn today.

## VENEZUELA MUST PAY HER AMERICAN DEBTS

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The American claims against Venezuela are soon to be pressed.

President Castro has been enjoying unusual quietness during the past few weeks, neither embroiling his country with any of the Powers nor having any domestic troubles. This may probably be the result of his temporary retirement from the active duties of his office, which have been carried on by the Vice-President until a month ago.

The American claims against his country are those of the celebrated asphalt company, whose concessions and property were seized and declared confiscated by Venezuela. There are also some claims pending for the seizure of American fruit steamers, charged with bearing aid to revolutionists. These claims were investigated about the first of the year by Special Commissioner Calhoun, who reported his findings to Congress. Castro showed his teeth to France only a few months ago and shortly before that defied the United States.

## SMITH, THE CHAMPION GOLFER.

LAKE FOREST, Ill., June 30.—Alexander Smith, of Nassau, N. Y., won the national golf championship.

### AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT.

#### CZAR CLOSELY GUARDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 29.—The Emperor is closely guarded at the Peterhof Palace.

#### THAW'S TRIAL IS ON.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Harry Thaw, charged with the murder of Architect White, has pleaded not guilty.

#### LANE'S APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—The appointment of Franklin K. Lane of California as the Interstate Commerce Commissioner has been confirmed.

#### HELP FOR HOMELESS MUST CONTINUE.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—It is estimated that relief will be required for at least a year and distribution of assistance to the homeless people will have to be made in this city for that period.

#### TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT FOR ISLE OF PINES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—A joint resolution providing temporary government for the Isle of Pines, was today introduced in the Senate. Cuba claims sovereignty over the Isle of Pines.

#### WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The Ship Owners' Association has again refused to arbitrate with the strikers.

#### RATE BILL BECOMES LAW.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—The Railroad Rate bill, the Pure Food bill and the bill establishing a Bureau of Naturalization finally passed today.

#### STANDARD OIL IN WATER BUSINESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—It is reported that the Standard Oil Company has purchased the property of the Blue Lakes Water Company for the purpose of conducting an opposition water system to the Spring Valley Water Company. It is estimated that the cost was over a million dollars.